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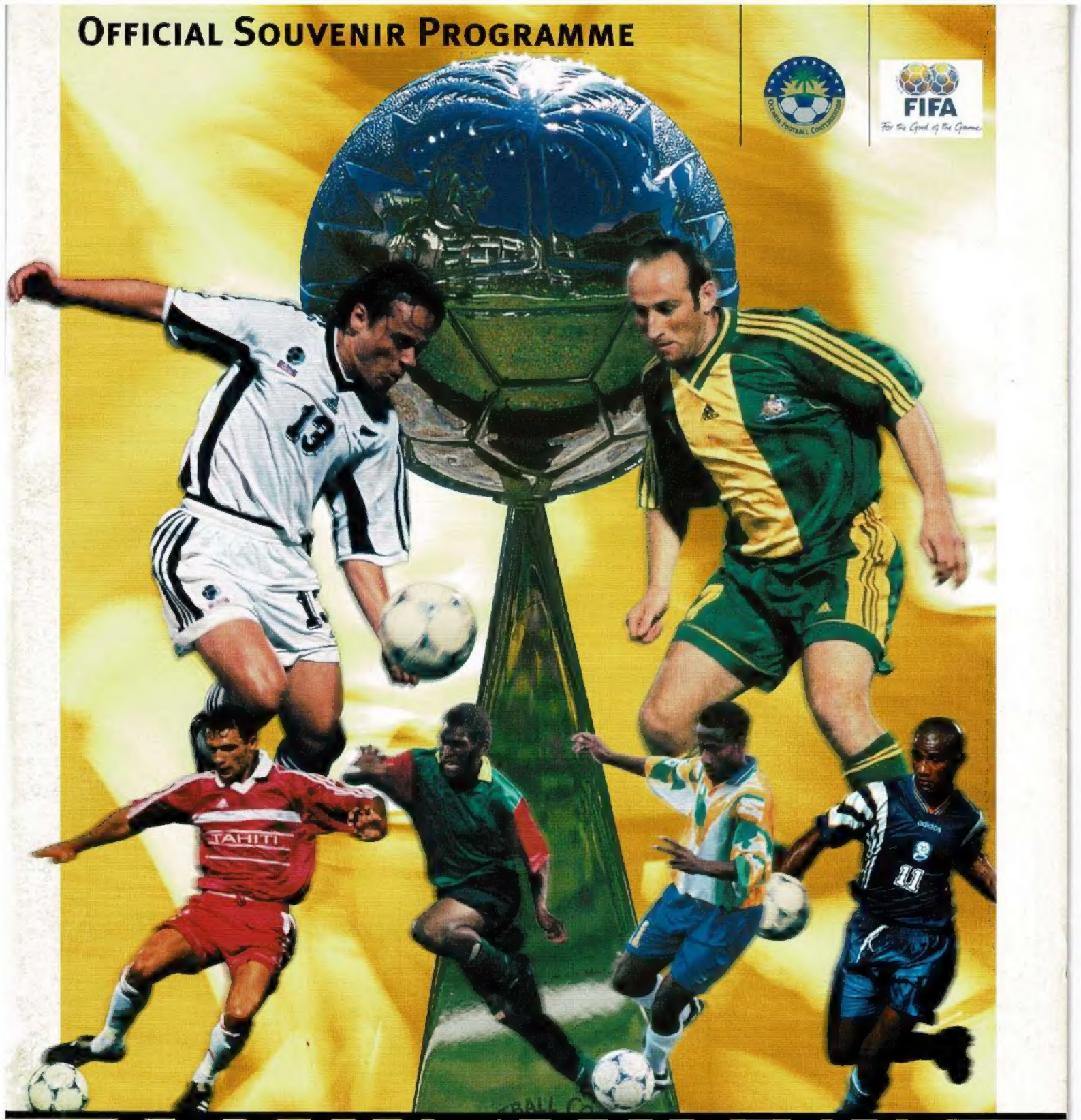

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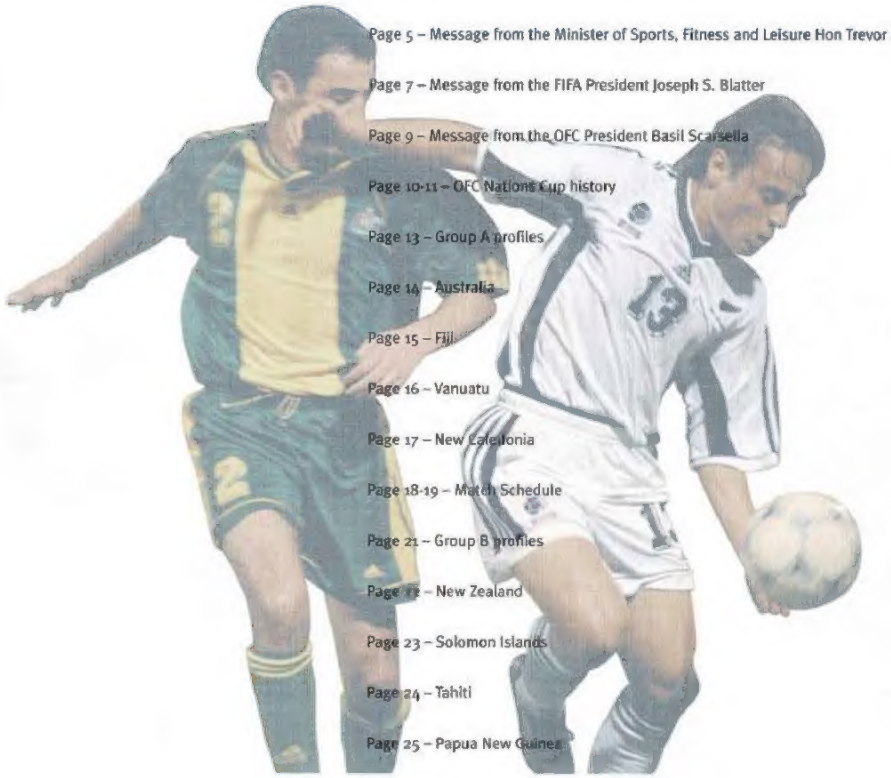

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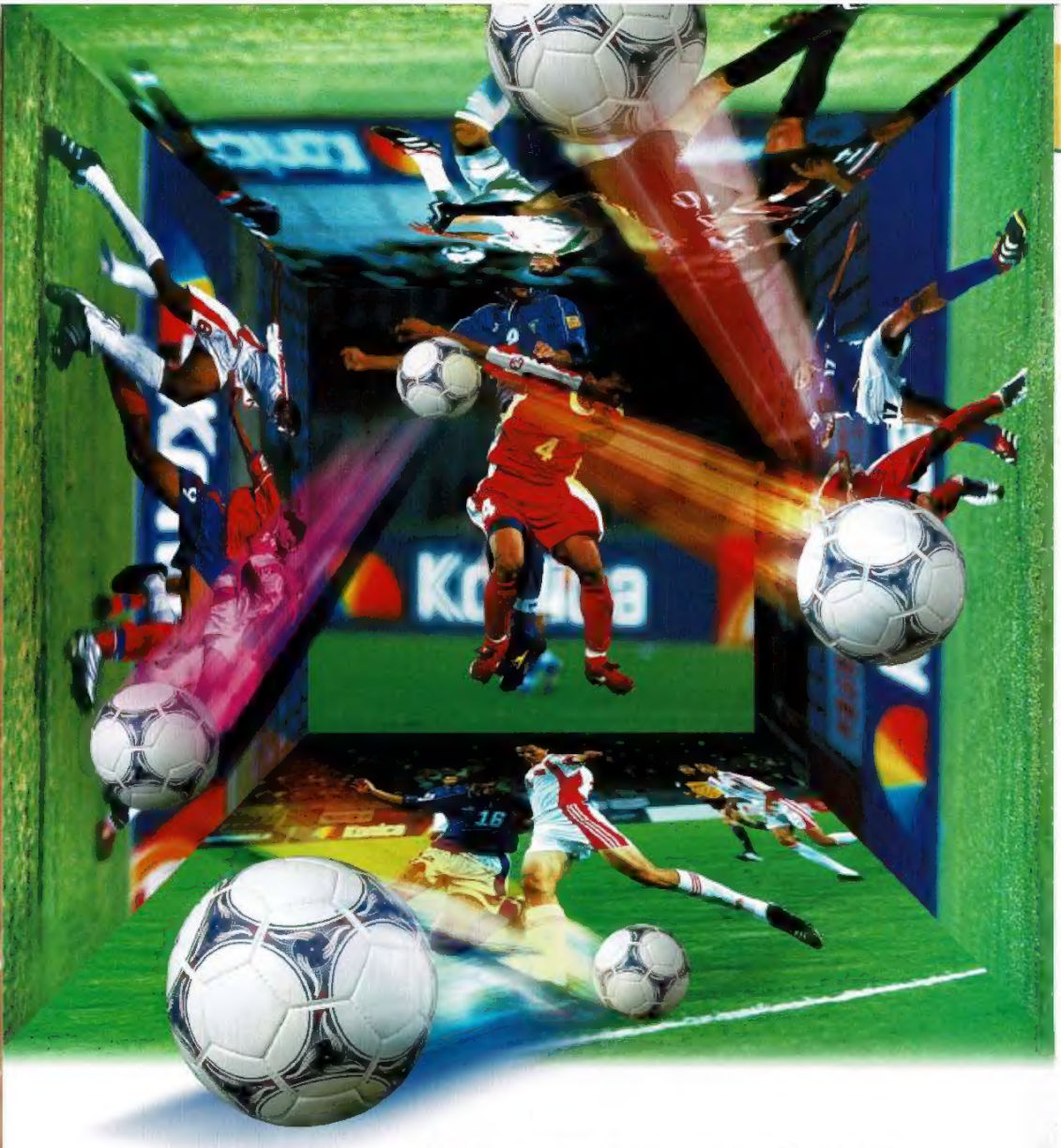

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Message from New Zealand Minister for Sport, Fitness and Leisure Hon Trevor Mallard

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the participants, supporters and spectators of the 2002 OFC Nations Cup. This event is eagerly anticipated by New Zealanders.

New Zealand has much to offer this event. We are a nation of passionate sports people – enthusiastic in our participation, support and spectatorship of all sports. Soccer is one of our most popular sports, with participation of 134,000. It is also a firm favourite with our young people. We keenly follow the progress of our national team, and retain the memory of the All White's appearance at the 1982 World Cup in Spain as one of our proudest sporting moments.

While New Zealanders would obviously delight in seeing New Zealand win the right to return to the FIFA Confederations Cup by winning this event, we will enjoy watching a competition that is guaranteed to be keenly contested.

On behalf of the New Zealand Government and all New Zealanders, I welcome you to our country and wish you a successful and enjoyable time.

Yours sincerely

Hon Trevor Mallard
Minister for Sport, Fitness and Leisure

HON TREVOR MALLARD
Minister for Sport, Fitness and Leisure

Message from the FIFA President
Joseph S. Blatter

We have just experienced an awesome spectacle of the 2002 FIFA World Cup Finals wonderfully co-hosted by Korea and Japan last month. On the same note, I expect the 2002 OFC Nations Cup to be equally competitive and an entertaining spectacle for all the participating teams, officials and especially the fans.

I have noted with pleasure the progress being made in Oceania and it is my belief that a direct entry to the FIFA World Cup is inevitable. I have personally supported OFC's quest in the past and this view has not changed since being re-elected as President at the FIFA Congress in Seoul.

To see the vast changes and developments being made in Oceania in recent years has given me confidence that OFC is ready and able to stand as equals with teams from other Confederations. One cannot argue with the performance of Australia at last year's Confederations Cup when they came third, beating world powers Brazil and France in the process.

During my visit to the OFC Congress in Tonga in May, I was once again reminded of the determination and relentless vigour of the Oceania football community. We witnessed yet another Goal Project being opened there and I was honoured to partake in the traditional tree growing and groundbreaking ceremony.

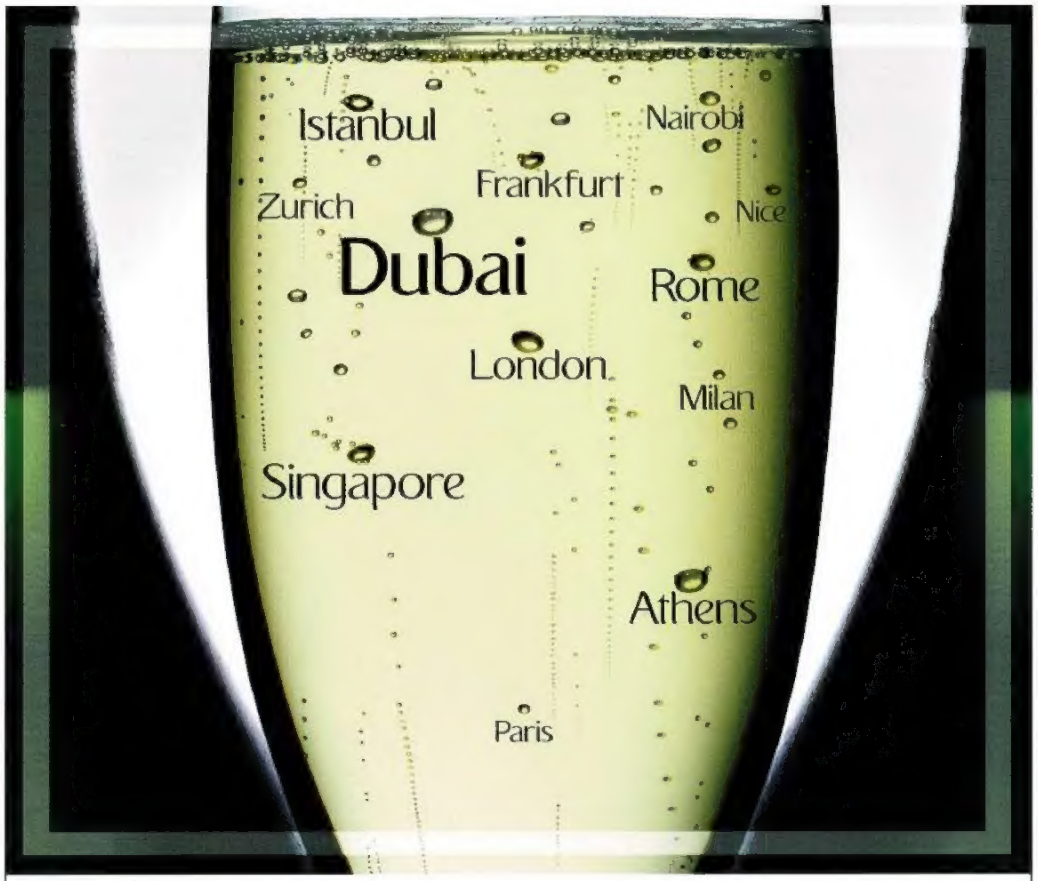
FIFA is committed to assisting national associations in their infrastructural development through the FIFA Goal Project and FIFA Financial Assistance programme. These programmes allow developing nations to improve the quality of football being played and administered.

Looking at the OFC Nations Cup over the years, the tournament has grown in esteem. The island teams have improved vastly and the days of one-sided score-lines may now be a thing of the past. We are sure to see some interesting results over the next few days. Whichever team emerges as the winner and represents OFC at the 2003 Confederations Cup Championship, I am sure they will be worthy contenders.

So in closing, and in the spirit of Fairplay, I wish all the teams, officials and referees, the best of luck and may the best team win!

Joseph S. Blatter

President, Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)



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Message from the OFC President
Basil Scarsella

Following the success of the 2002 FIFA World Cup in Korea/Japan, the Oceania Football Confederation Nations Cup is the first major football tournament to be staged.

On that note and on behalf of the OFC Executive, I would like to welcome all delegations to New Zealand for what promises to be an exciting tournament.

A very special welcome and congratulations to Papua New Guinea and New Caledonia who both qualified for this competition via the preliminary round in Apia, Samoa in March.

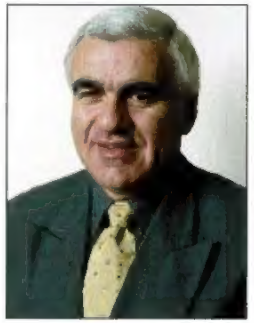
This year's Nations Cup is another chance to prove that the Champions of OFC are worthy of gracing future World Cups. Our case was no doubt enhanced by Australia's brilliant showing at the last Confederations Cup.

In January this year, Vanuatu made the final of the Oceania Under 16 tournament while Solomon Islands were able to beat New Zealand in that same tournament. By the time these young players reach the senior level, there is sure to be an island nation taking the place of Australia and New Zealand in either contesting a final or representing Oceania.

Only when that happens do we truly have a measure of progress across our Confederation.

With a place in the rich 2003 FIFA Confederations Cup at stake, the fans can look forward to an entertaining 10 days of top class football.

Finally, I extend a sincere thank you to the fans for supporting this tournament.



Basil Scarsella

President, Oceania Football Confederation

OFC Nations Cup Through the Years

By Jeremy Ruane

The discussions which led to what was to become the Oceania Football Confederation took place during the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo, and came about as a result of the Asian Football Confederation's refusal to accept either Australia or New Zealand for membership.

New Zealand Football's Sid Guppy and his Australian counterpart Jim Bayutti, broached the subject with Sir Stanley Rous, at the time the President of FIFA, who welcomed the idea of a Confederation in this part of the world.

Thus Bayutti and Charles Dempsey, the man the NZFA approached to work on the project on their behalf, went about the task of doing just that, and at the next FIFA Congress in 1966, their efforts met with the approval of FIFA. The Oceania Football Confederation was a reality at last.

With Confederation status achieved in part, thoughts turned to means by which the member nations could compete against each other on a regular basis.

A tournament was the obvious answer, and the inaugural OFC Nations Cup competition was set down for October 1971, in Noumea, New Caledonia. It never happened, however.

Australia then withdrew from Oceania the following year, but New Zealand came to the tournament's rescue in February, 1973, hosting the inaugural event at Newmarket Park.

Fiji, New Caledonia, Tahiti and New Hebrides joined the host nation in competing for the prize, which New Zealand won by defeating Tahiti 2-0 in the final, thanks to goals from Dave Taylor and Alan Marley. During round-robin play, Tahiti had held the Kiwi team to a 1-1 draw.

New Caledonia downed New Hebrides (later to be called Vanuatu) 2-1 in the third-place play-off, while Fiji failed to win a game during the week-long contest.

The second OFC Nations Cup tournament didn't take place until 1980, this time in New Caledonia. Australia was back in the fold after their six-year spell as members of the Asian Football Confederation, a period during which they made their lone World Cup Finals appearance, in 1974.

Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, who were granted full membership to Oceania the previous year, also made their

OFC Nations Cup debuts at this tournament, which allowed for two groups of four, with the group winners playing off for the trophy.

Australia sent a B team, and cantered through their group, but there was a huge upset in the other group, with New Zealand slumping to significant defeats against Tahiti (3-1) and Fiji (4-0). The Tahitians won through to play the Australians, who won their final clash, 4-2. New Caledonia edged out Fiji 2-1 for third place.

After this tournament, the OFC Nations Cup took something of a hiatus, mainly due to the financial situations of a number of the Confederation's member nations. It didn't appear again until 1996 (incidentally the year OFC achieved full Confederation status) , and then only as a result of the introduction, by FIFA, of the Confederations Cup.

In between times, Oceania enjoyed the membership of Chinese Taipei for fourteen years, while full membership status was granted to Samoa (in 1986), Vanuatu (1988), Tahiti (1990), Tonga (1994) and the Cook Islands (1994).

Such was the urgency with which it was necessary to find an Oceania champion to compete at the inaugural Confederations Cup Finals in 1997 that OFC opted to have a two-legged play-off involving the winners of the Trans-Tasman Cup (Australia defeated New Zealand 3-0 on aggregate).

The Socceroos played the winner of a play-off between the winners of the Polynesian Cup (Tahiti) and the winners of the Melanesian Cup (Solomon Islands). Tahiti emerged triumphant from this encounter, 3-1 on aggregate, but proved no match for the Australians, who won 11-0 over two legs.

Australia, of course, went on to finish runners-up to Brazil in the inaugural Confederations Cup Final, losing 6-0 after drawing with the reigning world champions in group play.

The 1998 OFC Nations Cup competition took place in Australia, where the host nation was upset by New Zealand's All Whites in the final, Mark Burton's 24th minute strike the only goal of the game. Fiji, meanwhile, downed Tahiti 4-2 to claim third place.

Two years ago, Tahiti hosted the tournament, with Australia extracting ultimate revenge by ending New Zealand's reign as Oceania champions. Two nil was the outcome in the final, Shaun Murphy and Craig Foster the marksmen.

The Solomon Islands downed Vanuatu 2-1 in the third place play-off, while at the Confederations Cup Finals, Australia finished an impressive third, defeating Brazil 1-0 in the play-off.

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GROUP A PROFILES

* AUSTRALIA
* FIJI
* VANUATU
* NEW CALEDONIA

VENUE: ERICSSON STADIUM

Australia heads Group A at Ericsson Stadium, which includes Melanesian rivals Fiji, Vanuatu and New Caledonia. On paper, Australia will be favourites to win this group unless there is a shock upset. Fiji is expected to be their toughest opponent but New Caledonia and Vanuatu are not to be underestimated.

Australia won the last tournament two years ago in Tahiti, with a solid 2-0 victory in the final. However, they were pushed hard in the semi-final against a young looking Vanuatu side which exposed them on several occasions. The Socceroos will face Vanuatu again in Auckland on 6 July in a rematch.

Vanuatu will be a much better prepared side this time with young striker, Richard Iwai, a player to watch. The national team has been prepared by national coach Carlos Buzzetti, who has made a big impact on the development of the game in Vanuatu.

Fiji makes a welcome return to the OFC Nations Cup after missing out in Tahiti due to the political coup two years ago. They are considered the island team most likely to push for a finals spot. Fijian striker Esala Masi is a player to watch after his barnstorming form for Newcastle United in NSL.

But they face a difficult task getting by Vanuatu and New Caledonia. Fiji plays New Caledonia in its first match on 6 July. The last time these two teams met was at the 2000 Melanesian Cup when Fiji won a close game 2-1. Fiji also got the better of Vanuatu in that tournament.

New Caledonia looked in ominous form at the OFC Nations Cup Preliminary Competition in Samoa back in March, despite the sole blemish against Papua New Guinea where they lost their cool and succumbed to a 4-1 loss.

The match to look forward to will be when Australia meet Fiji on 10 July in what is expected to be the match to decide the top of Group A. Both teams faced off at the World Cup Qualifiers at Coffs Harbour, Australia last year and the Fijians pushed the Socceroos all the way eventually going down 0-2 after a late goal sealed victory.

"Fiji was very well disciplined, and they made it very difficult for us, I wouldn't say it surprised me, because I think Fijian football has come a long way in the last ten to fifteen years," said an impressed Socceroos coach Frank Farina afterwards.

AUSTRALIA

TEAM BADGE

TEAM LIST

No.	Position	Name	Date of Birth	Club
1	GK	Jason Petkovic	07.12.1972	Perth Glory
2	DF	Fausto De Amicis	26.06.1968	South Melbourne
3	DF	Jade North	07.01.1982	Olympic Sharks
4	DF	Mehmed Durakovic	13.10.1965	South Melbourne
5	DF	Steve Horvat	04.03.1971	Melbourne Knights
6	DF	Patrick Kisnorbo	24.03.1981	South Melbourne
7	MF	Milan Blagojevic	24.12.1969	Newcastle United
8	FW	Joel Porter	25.12.1978	Melbourne Knights
9	FW	Damian Mori	30.09.1970	Perth Glory
10	FW	Bobby Despotovski	04.07.1971	Perth Glory
11	MF	Scott Chipperfield	30.12.1975	Basle
12	MF	Tom Pondeljack	08.01.1976	Olympic Sharks
13	MF	Robert Middleby	09.08.1975	Newcastle United
14	DF	Angelo Costanzo	09.05.1976	Marconi Stallions
15	FW	Ante Millicic	04.04.1974	Olympic Sharks
16	MF	Paul Trimboli	25.02.1969	South Melbourne
17	DF	Ante Juric	11.11.1973	Olympic Sharks
18	GK	Dean Anasatsiadis	06.06.1970	Wollongong Wolves
19	MF	Ahmad Elrich	30.05.1981	Parramatta Power
20	MF	Greg Owens	27.01.1981	Olympic Sharks

Coach: Frank Farina
Team Manager: Gary Moretti

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Greg Bates

YEAR FORMED: 1961

YEAR JOINED OFC/FIFA: 1963

Player to Watch
Paul Trimboli

TEAM SUMMARY

The "Socceroos" have had a break from international competition since the World Cup Qualifiers against Uruguay in November 2001. The selection of the Australian squad is almost completely from the National Soccer League, Australia's premier domestic competition. Senior National Team coach Frank Farina has drawn heavily on 2002 NSL Champions, Olympic Sharks, grand finalists Perth Glory and traditional heavyweights South Melbourne. Preparation for the squad has consisted of regular training sessions from the end of May in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. A camp was organised for the final squad in Sydney in late June, including a couple of training games against domestic teams. Although the development of soccer within Oceania is rapidly improving, Australia is hopeful of emerging successful from the 2002 OFC Nations Cup, in order to qualify for the Confederations Cup and further stamp its presence, and respect for Oceania, on the world stage.

FIJI

TEAM BADGE

TEAM LIST

No.	Name	Date of birth	Position	Club
1.	Laisenia Tuba	13/08/78	goalkeeper	Flying Arrow
2.	Luke Tavuyara	10/09/73	goalkeeper	Downtown
3.	Emosi Baleinuku	04/02/75	Midfield	Davuilevu
4.	Veleriо Nasema	07/09/72	Defender	Wailaikai
5.	Viliame Toma	22/01/79	Midfield	Kennedy
6.	Apenisa Donumai Vanua	06/08/78	Midfield	Kulukulu
7.	Malakai Kanahewe	28/07/77	Defender	FSC
8.	Robert Thomas Qoro	18/12/80	Defender	K.K.Bujes
9.	Seveci Rokotakala	29/05/78	Defender	Press
10.	Ronald Ram	26/05/82	Midfield	Beach Boys
11.	Manoa Masi	18/08/74	Midfield	Pacific Green
12.	Keni Doidoi	26/11/76	Midfield	FSC
13.	Josaia Sauturaga	27/05/81	Striker	FSC
14.	Salesh Samy	15/11/76	Midfield	United Sanga
15.	Ovini Duguca	27/07/78	Striker	Kiwi
16.	Erene Pene	20/01/81	Defender	Nakama
17.	Esala Masi		Striker	Newcastle
18.	Veresa Toma		Midfield	Comback
19.	Shalendra Lal	20/09/73	Defender	League
20.	Meli Delai	18/06/67	Midfield	FSC

Coach: Billy Singh
Team Manager: Segran Chandra

Head of Delegation: Yusuf Mohammed

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PRESIDENT: Dr M.S. Sahu Khan

EXEC. SECRETARY:Bob Kumar

YEAR FORMED: 1938

YEAR JOINED OFC/FIFA: 1963

Player to Watch
Esala Masi

TEAM SUMMARY

It will be a welcome return for the Fijians after missing the 2000 OFC Nations Cup due to the political coup at the time.
The team is coached by Billy Singh and selected after the very competitive FACT championship a month ago.
FIFA rankings place Fiji as the top ranking island nation and they proved last year that they have the physical size to match up well against the likes of New Zealand and Australia. Skilled and blessed with natural talent, they play typical open Melanesian style football with an appreciation of the tactical side of the game.
The star player to watch out for is Newcastle United striker Esala Masi.

VANUATU

TEAM BADGE

TEAM LIST

No.	Name	Date of Birth	Position	Club	int'l caps
1.	Chilla, David	10-06-78	Goalkeeper	Tupuji	19
2.	Masauvakalo K	20-11-84	Defender	Tupuji	
3.	Tabe Junior	01-06-81	Defender	Shepheards	
4.	Lauru Simon	08-03-77	Defender	Shepheards	9
5.	Bibi Lexa Bule	16-04-78	Defender	Siaraga	16
6.	Marago Willie	26-12-82	Defender	Redal	2
7.	Vava Fedy	25-11-82	Midfield	Amical	5
8.	Silas Ali Silas	23-06-82	Midfield	Tafea	
9.	Seimata Chilia	02-08-78	Midfield	Tupuji	9
10.	Mermer Etienne	26-01-77	Striker	Tafea	12
11.	Haitong Gerard	06-07-78	Midfield	Amical	19
12.	Demas Graham	25-10-80	Defender	Tafea	9
13.	Thompsen Lory	02-11-84	Striker	Yatel	
14.	Iwai Richard	15-03-79	Striker	Tafea	12
15.	Maki Pita David	12-10-82	Defender	Yatel	3
16.	Alick Daniel	30-07-82	Defender	Shepheards	
17.	Gorig A. Welin	07-07-81	Midfield	Shepheards	
18.	Yelou Jean R	25-09-83	Striker	Amical	
19.	Tom T. Philip	23-09-82	Midfield	Yatel	
20.	Garae, John	05-04-83	Goalkeeper	Waitakere NZ	2

Coach: Carlos Buzzetti
Manager: Raymond Walter Tokone

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GEN. SECRETARY:
Jacques Tronquet

YEAR FORMED: 1934

YEAR JOINED OFC/FIFA: 1988

Player to Watch
Richard Iwai

TEAM SUMMARY

Vanuatu coach Juan Carlos Buzzetti has brought a young side, the majority of who have been under his wing in various national age grade teams. With the oldest player listed at 25, this will be a team for the future, but there is enough experience and talent in this team to trouble Group A favourites Australia who they will play first.

The last time the two sides met two years ago in Tahiti, Vanuatu were unfortunate to go down by a solitary penalty late in the game. That match turned a few heads as Vanuatu had a relative team of unknowns against a Socceroos side laden with professional players.

Vanuatu's key player is Richard Iwai who will be depended on heavily in the goalscoring department.

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YEAR FORMED: 1928

YEAR JOINED OFC/FIFA:
Provisional Member of OFC

Player to watch
Gil Elmour

TEAM LIST

No.	Name	Date of Birth	Club
1.	Justin Dawano	1978	AS Mont Dore
2.	Theodore Dian	1982	USC
3.	Keoine Alain	1979	USC
4.	Franck Oireitoin	1975	AS Mont-Dorn
5.	Georges Wadenges	1975	AS Magenta
6.	Stone Longue	1979	USC
7.	Steeven Longue	1978	AS Magenta
8.	Gil Elmour	1973	AS Mont-Dore
9.	Tell Voudjo	1979	ACB Poya
10.	Daniel Harper	1979	Olympique
11.	Jamel Kabeu	1982	CS Nekooe
12.	Marius Mapou	1980	AS Mont-Dore
13.	Robert Kauma	1973	AS Magenta
14.	Auere Simedo	1978	AS Magenta
15.	Eddy Qazing	1980	AS Neibac
16.	Jacques Hapelama	1980	AS Kiritiviitr
17.	Pierre Tidjine	1977	AS Poum
18.	Jacques Damole	1974	AS Poum
19.	Maurice Cawa	1973	JS Baco
20.	Michel Hine	1979	FC Gaitcha

Head of Delegation: Poitchili Jean Louis
Coach: M.Martinengo de Novack

TEAM SUMMARY – *Message from the Coach - M.Martinengo de Novack*

Coaching can have no purpose without the support of competition.

Our first Nations Cup is the way in which our New Caledonian side can evaluate its potential in meeting opponents that we know but who we do not play often enough in order to discover our true worth.

This competition will perhaps reveal two differing styles of game and football can only be the richer and players and coaches alike can only gain in experience and professional skills in the process.

Our primary goal is to honour our colours whilst respecting the game and our opponents. May the best team win and may the value of South Pacific football be recognised internationally by all the other confederations.

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MATCH SCHEDULE

GROUP A (ERICSSON STADIUM)

* Australia
* Fiji
* Vanuatu
* New Caledonia

Saturday 6th July (Ericsson Stadium)

5.00pm	New Caledonia	vs	Fiji
7.30pm	Australia	vs	Vanuatu

Monday 8th July (Ericsson Stadium)

5.00pm	Fiji	vs	Vanuatu
7.30pm	Australia	vs	New Caledonia

Wednesday 10th July (Ericsson Stadium)

5.00pm	Vanuatu	vs	New Caledonia
7.30pm	Australia	vs	Fiji

GROUP B (NORTH HARBOUR STADIUM)

* New Zealand
* Solomon Islands
* Tahiti
* Papua New Guinea

Friday 5th July (North Harbour Stadium)

5.00pm	Papua New Guinea	vs	Solomon Islands
7.30pm	New Zealand	vs	Tahiti

Sunday 7th July (North Harbour Stadium)

1.00pm	Solomon Islands	vs	Tahiti
3.30pm	New Zealand	vs	Papua New Guinea

Tuesday 9th July (North Harbour Stadium)

5.00pm	Tahiti	vs	PNG
7.30pm	New Zealand	vs	Solomon Islands

Friday 12th July (Ericsson Stadium)

5.00pm Semi-Final 1

Friday 12th July (Ericsson Stadium)

8.00pm Semi-Final 2

Sunday 14th July (Ericsson Stadium)

12:30pm Playoff 3rd/4th

3:30pm Final

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Group B Profiles

* New Zealand
* Solomon Islands
* Tahiti
* Papua New Guinea

Venue: North Harbour Stadium

Papua New Guinea plays Solomon Islands while group favourites New Zealand will meet Tahiti in the first matches in Group B at North Harbour Stadium in Albany on 5 July.

The New Zealand All Whites would have preferred playing the tough Tahitians later in the tournament but have drawn them for the first game. However, they will be well prepared having undertaken a short tour of China and played home games against Scottish Premier League side Dunfermline in June.

Tahiti is always a dangerous proposition and has the flair and skill to trouble the All Whites. The All Whites hammered Tahiti 5-0 at last year's World Cup Qualifiers, but expect the Tahitians to go all out in the opening match. Tahiti has a lot to prove in this tournament. They failed to make the semi-finals as hosts two years ago after they were beaten by Vanuatu 2-3 in a shock result. Tahiti's clash with the Solomon Islands should be one of the Group B highlights on 7 July. Tahiti got the better of the Solomon Islands at the World Cup Qualifiers winning 2-0.

The Solomon Islands are the dark horses of this year's tournament with enough talent to field a formidable side. As a team, the Solomon Islands have shown glimpses of what they are capable off, but have yet to hit their straps. On paper, they are perhaps the most talented individually of the island nations. They have players of the calibre of Commins Menapi who was prominent for Sydney United in this year's NSL – not forgetting veteran Batram Suri, a highly respected player of immense skill who has also graced the NSL and New Zealand league.

Papua New Guinea rounds out Group B, but by no means does it make them the whipping boys of the group. PNG has come to win and not to make up the numbers. In the past, PNG has shown that it can play at the desired level having upset the All Whites in 1997 and holding its own in the tough Melanesian Cup against its island neighbours. PNG announced their intentions during the qualifying round in Samoa by going through undefeated. They toppled New Caledonia 4-1 in the best game of the preliminaries and showed they had improved rapidly in both attack and defence. Their strength is in the midfield with playmaker Richard Daniel the key player. Speed and deft passing is also a feature of their play.

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YEAR FORMED: 1891

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Player to Watch
Aaron Lines

TEAM LIST

Name	Date of Birth	Position	Club
James Bannatyne		Goalkeeper	Miramar
Jason Batty		Goalkeeper	Auckland
Scott Smith	06/03/75	Defender	Woking FC
Chris Zoricich	03/05/69	Defender	Newcastle United
Ivan Vicelich	03/09/76	Defender	Roda JC
Mark Burton	18/05/74	Midfield	Kingz
Gerard Davis	25/09/77	Midfield	Stanford
Aaran Lines	27/12/76	Midfield	Dresden
Raf de Gregorio	20/05/77	Midfield	Dortrecht
Chris Jackson	18/07/70	Midfield	Kingz
Chris Bouckenooghe	07/02/77	Striker	KV Oostende
Paul Urlovic	21/11/78	Striker	Kingz
Chris Killen	08/10/81	Striker	Manchester City
Duncan Oughton	14/06/77	Defender	Columbus Crew
Simon Elliot	10/06/74	Midfield	LA Galaxy
Lee Jones	21/02/75	Defender	Tampere United
Ryan Nelsen	18/10/77	Defender	DC United
Jonathan Perry		Defender	Kingz
Glen Collins		Midfield	Carolina Dynamite
Jeff Campbell		Midfield	Kingz

Coach: Mick Waitt Assistant Coach: Ricki Herbert
Team Manager: Colin Stone

TEAM SUMMARY

The All Whites have prepared well with a two-game tour of China as well as warm-up matches against visiting Scottish side Dunfermline in June. Gradually, they have gelled together well under new coach Mick Waitt who is on his first international assignment since taking over from Ken Dugdale earlier this year.

The All Whites have a lot to play for having disappointed against Australia during the World Cup Qualifying round last year and will also want to rectify the result two years ago when they lost their Oceania crown to the Socceroos in Papeete, Tahiti.

Home advantage will suit them, particularly getting past the group stages.

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YEAR FORMED: 1978

YEAR JOINED OFC/FIFA: 1988

Player to Watch
Commins Menapi

TEAM LIST

Number	Name	Age	Position	Club	Int'l caps
1	Severino Aefi	32	GK	Las Utd	25
2	Saeni Daudau	32	Defender	Koloale	28
3	Mahlon Houkarawa	26	Defender	Koloale	0
4	George Suri	20	Defender	East Coast	0
5	Richard Mo'osimae	25	Defender	Laugu	0
6	Martin Ruhasia	25	Defender	Marist	3
7	Timothy Paoka	23	Midfield	Naha	8
8	Leslie Leo	25	Striker	Laugu	0
9	Commins Menapi	24	Striker	Sydney Utd	8
10	Batram Suri	30	Striker	Koloale	52
11	Patteson Daudau	24	Striker	Koloale	9
12	Vivian Wickham	19	Midfield	Central Utd	4
13	Jerry Allen	23	Midfield	Marist	2
14	Stanley Waita	23	Midfield	Naha	12
15	Jack Samani	23	Midfield	Marist	12
16	Henry Koto	26	Midfield	Koloale	12
17	Gideon Omorikio	26	Defender	Kossa	24
18	Henry Faarodo	19	Striker	Fawkner	0
19	David Firisua	20	Midfield	Central Utd	3
20	Fred Hale	23	GK	Koloale	6

Coach: George Cowie Head of Delegation: Peter Shannel
Team Manager: Laurie Stubbing

TEAM SUMMARY

Most of the players have been together for the past two years under Scottish-born national coach, George Cowie. The home based players started their preparations in March. The team has done reasonably well during the last two years having finished 2nd in the Melanesian Cup in Fiji in 2000 and third in the Nations Cup in Tahiti two years ago.

The average age of the team is now quite young but the majority of the players have gained a lot of experience at both international and club level. Cowie expects this to be the most competitive Nations Cup so far. The team had a couple of warm-up games in Australia on the way to Auckland - one against the Sunshine Coast representative team and one against a Queensland selection.

Players to watch out for are Batram Suri and Australian based Commins Menapi.

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YEAR FORMED: 1989

YEAR JOINED OFC/FIFA: 1990

Player to Watch
Naea Bennett

TEAM LIST

No.	Name	Date of Birth	Position	Club
1.	Jimmy Tahutini	10/11/77	Goalkeeper	Venus
2.	Steeve Fatupua	12/01/76	Defender	Venus
3.	Iotua Kautai	01/01/83	Defender	
4.	Vehia Maurirere	10/11/73	Defender	Tefana
5.	Sylvain Boene	31/10/68	Defender	Dragon
6.	Tetahio Auraa	09/07/73	Midfield	Manu-ura
7.	Samuel Garcia	02/10/75	Midfield	Venus
8.	Teva Zaveroni	10/10/75	Midfield	Pirae
9.	Felix Tagawa	26/03/76	Striker	Venus
10.	Tony Senechal	04/03/77	Midfield	Central
11.	Naea Bennett	08/07/77	Striker	Pirae
12.	Harry Tong Song	12/09/82	Midfield	Dragon
13.	Abel Terevaura	02/02/76	Midfield	Tiare Hinano
14.	Heimano Guyon	14/10/74	Striker	Jeunes Tah
15.	Larry Marmouyet	26/11/80	Defender	
16.	Daniel Tapeta	25/10/74	Goalkeeper	Manu-ura
17.	Angelo Tchen	08/03/82	Defender	Tefana
18.	Raimoana Bennett	15/02/81	Midfield	
19.	Gabriel Wajoka	09/04/74	Midfield	Tiare Hinano
20.	Xavier Samin	01/01/78	Goalkeeper	Tefana

Head of Delegation: Eugene Haereraaroa
Coach: Patrick Jacquemet

TEAM SUMMARY

Not much is known about Tahiti's preparation for the 2002 OFC Nations Cup. However, traditionally, they have been one of the stronger teams and will be a team New Zealand will be wary of in Group B.

Tahiti showed signs of improvement at the World Cup Qualifiers last year after a disappointing tournament in 2000 when they hosted the OFC Nations Cup. In that tournament, they failed to capitalize on the home advantage and did not make the semi-finals as Vanuatu produced the shock upset of the tournament.

Tahiti is a tactically aware and technically sound team with the French influence in their game, apparent in their style of play. Players to watch are prolific forward duo Naea Bennett and Felix Tagawa.

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YEAR FORMED: 1962

YEAR JOINED OFC/FIFA: Founding member 1963

Player to Watch
Richard Daniel

TEAM LIST

No.	Name	Position	Club
1.	Tapas Posman	Goalkeeper	Rapotona - Pom
2.	John Aisa	Defender	University - Pom
3.	Richard Daniel	Midfield	Sabou - Lahi
4.	Hans Fred	Fullback	Guria - Lahi
5.	Alu Kamake	Defender	Sabou - Lahi
6.	Jonah Malos	Midfield/Striker	University - Pom
7.	Reginald Davani	Striker	University - Pom
8.	Paul Komboi	Midfield/Striker	PS United - Pom
9.	Francis Moiyap	Striker	Rapotona - Pom
10.	Charles Somasi	Midfield	Unitech - Lahi
11.	Ken Gule	Midfield	PS United - Pom
12.	Steven Mail	Midfield	University - Pom
13.	Elias Paiwara	Defender	Buresong - Lae
14.	Selan Elizah	Midfield	Defence - Pom
15.	Nasa Wangu	Goalkeeper	Blue Kumuls -Pom
16.	Michael Lohai	Striker	Cosmos - Pom
17.	Enoch Abraham	Midfield	Cosmos - Pom
18.	Yanding Tomata	Defender	Unitech - Lahi
19.	Desmond Sow	Midfield	Desmond Sow
20.	David Aua	Defender	Babsika - Pom

Coach: Steve Cain
Team Manager: Luke Wangi

Head of Delegation: Noel Mobiha

TEAM SUMMARY

After five years in the international wilderness, Papua New Guinea returned to action in the OFC Nations Cup preliminary competition in Apia, Samoa in March this year. Winning that tournament was a very positive achievement and enabled the team to qualify for Auckland and be a part of 2002 Nations Cup tournament. New technical director, Stephen Cain, has been running training camps in the two major soccer centres in, Lae and Port Moresby. The aim is to continue the learning curve began in Samoa and improve the level of performances through continued international exposure. Francis Moiyap is the only survivor of the PNG team that beat New Zealand in the World Cup qualifier in Port Moresby in 1997, scoring the game winning goal. The strength of the team will be in the midfield with the likes of
Paul Komboi and chief playmaker Richard Daniel.

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